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Street Address:

2618 South Seventh Street, St. Louis, St. Louis

City County, Missouri

Present Owner and Occupant:

Christina Leuchtemeyer

Present Use:

Rooming house

Brief Statement of Significance:

This is a small town house, built in 1850, with interesting details and Greek Revival features.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Original and subsequent owners: George W. Sherrick, livery stable operator

John A. Smithers, 1869 Henry P. Wyman, 1871 Wm. Groshon, 1873

John G. Meyer, 1878 Christina Meyer, 1893

Julia Hummel

B. Date of erection: 1850

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PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

- A. General Statement: A small town house, distinguished by its full Greek Revival portico and other interesting details.
- B. Technical Description of Exterior:
 - 1. Over-all dimensions: 30' x 50', two stories, town house type.
 - 2. Foundations: Stone.
 - 3. Wall construction: Brick.
 - 4. Porches: Unusual wood Doric portico, two stories high with four square, paneled columns and a balcony with cast-iron railings on second floor. Apparently the only example of such a two-story portico on a St. Louis town house.

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- 5. Chimneys: Two.
- 6. Openings:
 - a. Doorways and doors: The main entrance has a wood grained, paneled, and lighted door with top light; in a doorway with paneled jambs. On the second floor there is an unusual window-door opening onto upper balcony—a double-hung window with two panels below that slide into recesses in the walls. There is a similar treatment on the first floor, now inoperable.
 - b. Windows: Double-hung windows with six-light over six-light sash and floor-length Venetian shutters.

7. Roof:

- a. Shape: Gable.
- b. Cornice: Vernacular Doric.
- C. Technical Description of Interiors:
 - 1. Floor plans: One room and side hall with two smaller rooms behind on first floor.
 - 2. Stairways: Simple, wood, open-string stair, curved at landing. Turned balusters; heavy, octagonal, pyramidal newel; molded handrail.
 - 3. Flooring: Wood covered with linoleum.
 - 4. Wall and ceiling finish: Plaster.
 - 5. Doorways and doors: Four paneled doors with low pedimental heads.
 - 6. Trim: Greek Revival.
 - 7. Hardware: Original missing.
 - 8. Lighting: Electric.
 - 9. Heating: Fireplaces and stoves.
- D. Site: The house faces west and is enclosed by a modern wood picket fence.

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